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SUBJECT: APPLE IMPORT SITUATION

REF: STATE 175395

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL, ECONCOUN WROTE TO MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS Y.S. SUN ON AUGUST 3 URGING LIBERALIZATION OF APPLE IMPORT MARKET. LETTER DREW HEAVILY ON ARGUMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL. SINCE THEN BOTH ECON COUN AND AGRICLUTURAL ATTACHE HAVE RASIED APPLE IMPORT PROBLEM WITH MINISTER, WITH BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE AND WITH CENTRAL TRUST OF CHINA.

2. TO DATE A REPLY TO AUGUST 3 LETTER HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. HOWEVER, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT GROC MAY BE ABOUT TO ANNOUNCE A CHANGE IN POLICY WHICH WOULD BENEFIT U.S. APPLE INDUSTRY, AT LEAST FOR 1977 CROP. S.C. LIU, FORMER VICE-MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND NEWLY-APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL TRUST OF CHINA, INFORMED ECONCOUN SEPTEMBER 29 THAT HE IS RECOMMENDING TO EXECUTIVE YUAN THAT 650,000 CASES OF APPLES BE IMPORTED INTO ROC FROM 1977 CROP. OF THIS AMOUNT, 320,000 CASES (49.1 PCT) WOULD BE RESERVED FOR U.S. EXPORTERS. LIU IS HOPEFUL THAT HIS CRECOMMENDATION WILL BE ACTED UPON WITHIN NEXT

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TWO WEEKS AND HE IS REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT RECOMMENDATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

3. LIU WAS UNWILLING TO BE DRAWN INTO DISCUSSION OF DUTY STRUCTURE AND BID-AUCTION PROCEDURE, CLAIMING THAT DUTIES ARE OUTSIDE HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND HE HASN'T BEEN IN NEW JOB LONG ENOUGH TO DETERMINE IF BID-

AUCTION PROCEDURE SHOULD BE DISCARDED.

4. IN 1977 (1976 CROP YEAR), APPLE IMPORTS WILL TOTAL 380,000 CASES. OF THIS AMOUNT, THE U.S. SHARE WILL BE 120,000 CASES (31.6PCT). IF LIU'S RECOMMENDATION IS ACCEPTED, APPLEIVORTS IN 1978 (1977 CROP YEAR) WILL INCREASE BY 270,000 CASES. OF THIS INCRESE, THE U.S. WILL OBTAIN 200,000 CASES '74PCT) AND ALL OTHER SUPPLIERS WILL OBTAIN 70,000 CASES (26PCT). THE U.S. SHARE WILL INCREASE FROM 31.6 PCT TO 49.1 PCT.

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